

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 28 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 7-10, 32, 34 and 35 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5, 6, 17-27 and 30 were previously canceled. New claims 36-41 have been added. Claims 11-16, 28, 29, 31, 33 and 36-41 are currently pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and other applications.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 11-16 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 35.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 7 has been canceled; therefore, this rejection is moot.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogiu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,098,630) (“Ogiu”). Claim 28 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 35. Accordingly, claim 28 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 28 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claims 7, 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogiu in view of Nobue et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,727,407) (“Nobue”). Claims 7, 3 and 4 have been canceled; therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 2, 8-10 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogiu and Nobue in view of Ogawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,291,811) (“Ogawa”). Claims 2, 8-10 and 32 have been canceled; therefore this rejection is moot.

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogiu, Nobue and Ogawa in view of Mantell (U.S. Patent No. 5,378,916) (“Mantell”). Claim 34 has been canceled; therefore this rejection is moot.

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogiu in view of Ogawa. Claim 29 depends from claim 28 and is allowable along with claim 28. Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claim 29 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

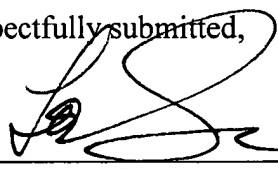
Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogiu and Ogawa in view of Mason et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,456,828) ("Mason"). Claim 31 depends from claim 28 and is allowable along with claim 28. Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claim 31 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogiu and Ogawa in view of Chun (U.S. Patent No. 5,644,169) ("Chun"). Claim 33 depends from claim 28 and is allowable along with claim 28. Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claim 33 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

New claims 36-41 are allowable for at least the same reasons as the other allowable claims. Specifically, the cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest that the transparent material "fully contained by said side walls and closed bottom" of the housing. In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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